

NEWSLETTER

MARY BALL WOMAN'S CLUB



"Summertime" by Sue Halstenberg

President's Message

Hello Ladies,
 What a wonderful dinner meeting we had this May! I was honored to be elected as Woman of the Year for 2015. Thank you so much for that honor. I am enjoying the sunflowers and vase on a daily basis.

I hope many of you will be painting with us on June 28th at our Paint and Partake membership Fundraiser and auction and raffle! I have sold 3 tickets to friends who plan to paint with us! Oh the fun we are going to have! Please make sure you get your tickets and pay for this event early! If you are coming and not painting that is fine! We will need your help! So please contact Alice, Sandi or myself!

And also save a little time for a trip to Suzie's lake house this summer! We will email or call you with that date! See you on the 28th!

Mary Ball Blessings!
 Marty Monts

Woman of the Year Awarded to Marty Monts!

At the May dinner our Woman of the year was announced! Congratulations to Marty Monts! Your fellow club members voted to recognize you and all your efforts this year! We appreciate you. Here

A little bit about Marty Monts. She is the best friend I have ever had. A woman that will stand by you no matter what the storm brings. Kind, loving, faithful, she goes out of her way to help those that are in need sometimes hurting herself along the way. She never expects a thank you or payback. She does things out of the kindness of her heart. An avid gardener some people simply know her as "the plant lady" these traits of hers are not something new; even when she was a teacher she would bring food for the children in her classroom that would otherwise, go without. Marty Monts is truly one of a kind. She has her crazy moments when she sings songs about dinosaurs. She is a very talented artist painting, plant arraignments, wreaths, mosaics and more. If she decides to create something it's guaranteed to be beautiful. I mean just look at her daughter (haha). She is a nana to 3 wonderful grandchildren. She likes to travel and has been to see the great redwoods in California. She likes playing games like dominos and apples to apples. She has a cat named hissy fit and a dog named dottie.



Treasurer

DANALU KERR

Ladies,

We are missing membership checks from over seven members. Does this mean you no longer support the mission of Mary Ball Womans Club? Did it just slip your mind? Please let Danalu Kerr know right away as I need to reconcile the treasurer's books before the end of June. I am moving out of the area and there will be a new treasurer taking over. It would be great to have all members accounted for when this happens. Mary Ball needs you!

~Danalu

Conservation

JAN WRIGHT-WEIMER - CHAIR

Ladies:

How are you reducing your "Carbon Footprint?"

- Do you actively RECYCLE? (plastic containers, newspapers to the S.P.C.A. or animal shelters, glass recycle)
- Do you try to REUSE ? (rinse out containers for use in our greens baskets as liners, or save small ones to store trinkets, reuse potting containers to start new plants.) Let me know if you have a reuse idea.
- Do you try to REDUCE (pack newspapers in paper bags for use at the animal shelters, use cloth shopping bags frequently, collect the plastic bags for our bag making and mats for the homeless project, make a compost container with vegetable trimmings, only run the dishwasher or clothes washer when FULL, bring more ideas to our club)

The Fanny Roots house restoration is progressing well. By Fall we should be able to tour and maybe have the notecard project ready to hand over to the UMW Foundation.

Mary Ball Love,
Jan Wright-Weimer
Third Vice Pres. (CIP)
Conservation Chrmn.

Women's History and Resource Center

MADALIN BICKEL - CHAIR

Hello Ladies,

I just got off the phone with a representative from Kenmore. We are scheduled to have a group tour on Wednesday, June 10th at 1 pm. We will need to have at least 10 participate to receive the discount. Tickets are \$8.00 and payable at the beginning of the tour.

Kenmore was the home of George Washington's sister. It has been faithfully restored and is part of the George Washington Foundation which also owns Ferry Farm. It is located on Washington

Avenue. Parking is available on the street. We will meet in the visitors' center which is to the left of the mansion. This will require some walking (bring your canes).

You may bring a guest or significant other if you wish. If you have someone you are recruiting for membership, you might want to invite them and pay for their ticket. FYI: This is the last week for most public schools. Some Stafford schools will have early release that day due to final exams. Elementary schools will have a full day.

I also learned that one does not "join" the George Washington Foundation although donations are accepted anytime. We might want to think about making a donation as a club toward the building of George Washington's home. Just a thought.

We will have a private tour of the Mary Ball House late summer or early September (date TBD). The cost for this will be \$4.00 and again we must have at least 10 participants. This would be a great membership recruitment activity so think about bringing a future Mary Ball member.

Please keep a record of your WHRC activities as I will be asking you to complete a chart of your activities in preparation for next year's report. This will include any donations made to WHRC, museums and historical foundations, as well as any activities associated with the 125th Anniversary of GFWC.

Did you purchase one of the anniversary pins? There are two different versions, one is priced around \$10.00 the other is an exquisite pin for \$125.00.

See you at Kenmore.
~Madalin

Communications

AMANDA MILLER - CHAIR

Our Newsletter is really coming into shape! It is really a very beautiful newsletter and I couldn't have done it without all of you who submit your articles to me! Thank you so much for that!

Our Facebook page still needs to get some more "Likes" so please remember to refer your friends, or share a post we make on the Facebook page to your own page! It may help generate interest!

I am still working on putting updates to Facebook and our Website on my calendar so that they are done more consistently! Please bear with me!

This is the last newsletter until September. I will send an email in August to remind you to send in articles for the September Newsletter. The due date for articles will be August 25th!

I hope you all have a fantastic Summer! Can't wait to see you all again in September! (Some of you sooner, if you are going to the Kenmore tour!)

Many Blessings

~Amanda

Home Life

DONNA ELLIOTT - CHAIR

Ladies,

School Dressing Days (SDD) - August 2015

The Interfaith Community Council (ICC) will be holding its annual School Dressing Days (SDD) event on Friday August 14 and Saturday August 15 from 9 am - 3 pm each day. The location is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on Bragg Road (about 1/4 mile from back entrance to Central Park). The SDD 2015 event will be held the weekend AFTER the GFWC VA State Conference - so hopefully there should not be any conflicts with GFWC events this year.

Volunteers will be needed and sincerely appreciated to help with:

SDD setup Thursday August 13 8 am - 1 pm

SDD event Friday August 14 8:30 - 3 pm

SDD event Saturday August 15 8:30 - 3 pm

Again this year I am in charge of ordering, purchasing, and distributing the school supplies for the approximately 1200 students who will attend SDD 2015. On Thursday morning Aug 13, I will need volunteers to help organize the school supplies and to stuff the grade-level bags with the school supplies. On Friday Aug 14 and Sat Aug 15, I will need volunteers to handout the bags to the students as well as to stuff more bags with supplies. (Note: MBWC is donating 100 backpacks for SDD again this year!)

Please mark your calendars for the above dates and times. I will be calling MBWC members over the next 2-3 months and asking them to volunteer some time for this SDD event. Any amount of time would be helpful and greatly appreciated. I would suggest volunteering for a block of 2, 4, or 6 hours on either day.

Most of all ... ***please consider volunteering for this very worthwhile event.*** We have a good time of fellowship and fun, and meet new people from many churches and businesses in the Fredericksburg area. The students and families that are served by this event are very appreciative of the items they receive and the volunteers that help them.

Wishing Mary Ball blessings for all,

~Donna Elliot

June, July, Aug. HIGHLIGHTS



Monthly Club Meetings will resume in September! Enjoy your summer ladies!



This birthday list includes birthdays for the months of June, July and August!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Peggy

Schlegelmilch - June 2

Penelope Knepp - June 5

June Eackles - June 25

Catherine

Washington - July 17

Mary Lou

Borcherding - Aug 23

Shirley Main - Aug 28

Louise Stephens - Aug 28

If we have forgotten your birthday please let us know so we can update our records!

Paint and Partake Fundraiser

ALICE STONE



Please join us on Sunday, June 28, 2014, for the first Mary Ball Women's Club Paint and Partake fundraiser and membership afternoon at the Evergreens @ the Preserve at Smith Run from 2-6pm. \$45 per person includes canvas, paint, all supplies, instruction and refreshments! Bring out your inner Picasso...or Monet or Van Gogh and paint SUNFLOWERS!

- Bring a friend and introduce them to the Mary Ball Woman's Club and share an afternoon of fun and camaraderie.
- No previous painting experience or skills required. Get inspired and help raise funds to support the Arts in our local public schools.
- The afternoon will begin with a brief overview of the artists who will inspire us and basic painting tools and techniques.
- During the afternoon of painting, we will serve refreshments and you will have the opportunity to socialize with the members and guests.
- There will also be door prizes and a silent auction or raffle. (surprise!)

To make your reservations, please contact Alice Stone @ averyalice@aol.com, (540)220-6993, or via Face Book - Alice Stone OR Paint and Partake. Or contact Marty Monts or Sandra King.

Mail checks payable to MBWC to: Alice Stone 1445 Clover Dr Fredericksburg VA 22407 as soon as possible to reserve your seat. OR for those of you that are internet savvy and use FaceBook, you can also register and prepay via Paint and Partake facebook page secure site. You will need to access FaceBook via your internet browser (not via an app on your phone or ipad) ; look for the "party reservation" tab below the cover picture, and click on that. Find the "party", double click and continue to the secure check out.

Remember - All supplies, instructions, refreshments and fun time included! Thank you!

~Alice Stone

We also need your help for the Paint and Partake Fundraiser

We need the following:

1) **Refreshments** - beverages, food, paper products - who is willing to bring what?

2) **Door Prizes/Raffle Items** - hand crafted items, artwork, baked good, etc - preferably something from your own particular talent!

I will be donating a painting or two, hand painted placemats and or table runner.

I know there are many of you out there with special talents - jewelry, sewing, quilting, writing etc.

Please respond to me, Sandra King and/or Marty Monts as soon as possible!

We would like to collect and prepare the door prize/raffle items by **Wednesday June 24th.**

Thank you! Alice Stone
540-220-6993

Mark Your Calendars!

Important upcoming dates and reminders:

CALENDAR

- June 10 Tour of Kenmore Estate at 1pm
\$8 per person. Contact Madalin Bickel ASAP to reserve a spot!
- June 13-15 2015 GFWC Annual Convention and 125th Anniversary Celebration
Memphis, TN
- June 17 Nursing Home Birthday (volunteers welcomed)
- June 28 Paint and Partake fundraiser
See Paint and Partake section in this newsletter for further details!
- Aug 7-9 Summer Conference
Kirkley Hotel, Lynchburg, VA
- Aug 25** ***Articles due for September Newsletter!***
- Sept 19 Fall District Meeting
Piedmont Club, Haymarket, VA

Mary Ball Womans Club

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GFWC Website: <http://www.gfwc.org/>

Helpful Hint! Cut out this bubble and post it somewhere you can refer to easily! Or share with a friend!

What is the month of June?

Caribbean American Heritage Month

National Safety Month

LGBT Pride Month

What is the month of July?

National Ice Cream Month

What is the month of August?

Spinal Muscular atrophy Month

Final Reminders:

Please get your dues in to Danalu this month if you have not already done so! It is so important for our members to pay their dues on time to help support the club and all of our fabulous causes!

Do not forget about the Paint and Partake Fundraiser event! We need everyone who plans on attending to pre-register and pay! The event is the 28th so we need payment in early! Invite potential members, friends family etc! Space is limited so sign up now!

Keep track of your recycling over the summer so we can have nice big totals on our sign in sheet in September!

Support our local heritage by visiting and/or donating to our wonderful local museums and estates!

Please bring your box tops for education to the meeting and give them to Rebecca Simmons. She will keep a total amount for us so we will know how much we give to Spotswood Elementary each year.

Most importantly, have a safe and wonderful summer! Keep in touch with your fellow club women! See you in September!

Community Bulletin Board

- Barbara Wise has a broken foot and could use some cheering up. Want to send a card? Her address is 309 Camden Drive Fredericksburg, VA 22405
- Danalu Kerr is moving to Washington state this summer and will be relinquishing her treasurer duties. We will really miss her. Send her a note before she leaves! 2700 Cowan Blvd. Apt. 427 Fredericksburg, VA 22401

A Little Laughter is good for the soul!

A man visits his doctor with celery stalks stuck in each ear and a carrot stick up each nostril. He mumbles, "Doc, I'm just not feeling well." The doctor replies, "Maybe you're not eating right."

Have a GREAT summer!

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